

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**A ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 7268 BY SETTING
THE WINTER SEWER AVERAGE**

WHEREAS, the City of Kingsport (the "City") operates a utility system which provides water, sewer, and stormwater services to residents of the City and the service areas outside the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-35-414(a), authorizes the governing body to set just and equitable water and sewer rates to fund all necessary expenses including operation, maintenance, debt service, and depreciation to be periodically adjusted by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted Ordinance NO 7268 on June 16, 2026 setting sewer rates and setting the winter cap average for all residential customers; and

WHEREAS, the Section K.5. Winter Sewer Average for All Residential Customers requires amending to comply with our current billing; and

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF KINGSPORT,

SECTION I. Section K.5. Winter Sewer Average for All Residential Customers is hereby amended as follows:

K.5. Winter Sewer Average for All Residential Customers

(a) An average base figure on water consumption will be established for residential customers. This figure will be calculated by using the consumption of each metered customer during the five-month billing periods of December to April when water usage is reasonably stable, and when most water enters the sewer system.

- A minimum of three-monthly readings is needed to determine the winter sewer average. The months of October and November will be included in the determination of the winter average if a minimum of three eligible readings cannot be obtained between December to April.

- For a reading to be included in the winter sewer average, a reading must be a minimum of 1,000 gallons and shall not exceed 10,000 gallons of consumption.

(b) Once established, the final average will be used as the individual sewer average for the billing months of May through September. A new average will be established annually.

(c) Three months of billing history will be needed to establish the winter sewer average for any new customer.

SECTION IV. That this ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication, as the law directs, the public welfare of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee requiring it.

PAUL W. MONTGOMERY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANGELA MARSHALL, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RODNEY B. ROWLETT, III, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED ON 1ST READING _____
PASSED ON 2ND READING _____